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SUBJ: CCD: PROPOSED REMARKS BY LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS ON MASS
DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

1.UK DELEGATION HAS FURNISHED US WITH FOLLOWING EXCERPT
FROM A STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS AT CCD
PLENARY JULY 28:

QUOTE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

THIS BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER MENACE OF THE FUTURE WHICH
HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE CCD FOR ACTION - NEW WEAPONS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION. ONE HAS ONLY TO CONSIDER THE DREADFUL
THREAT POSED BY THE PRESENT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR AND
CHEMICAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE
FOR MANKIND OF PREVENTING THE EMERGENCE OF NEW MISUSES OF
SCIENCE WITH DIMILAR DESTRUCTIVE POWER. BRITISH EXPERTS
HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE VERY USEFUL MEETINGS AT WHICH THIS
SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. I NEED HARDLY SAY THAT THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE BASIC INTENTION OF
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THE AUTHORS OF THE PROPOSAL TO BAN NEW MDW. WHERE
WE DIFFER FROM THEM IS IN THE CHOICE OF MEANS TO ACHIEVE
THE DESIRED END.

WE ARE FIRMLY OF THE OPINION THAT A SINGLE CATCH-ALL
TREATY WOULD HAVE TO BE SO GENERAL IN ITS SCOPE AND SO VAGUE
IN ITS DEFINITIONS THAT IT COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE AS

AN ARMS CONTROL MEASURE. NOR WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WHEN THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES TO BE MONITORED WAS UNKNOWN. WE BELIEVE THAT A MORE FRUITFUL APPROACH WOULD BE A FIRM DECLARATION BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, COUPLED WITH A REQUEST TO THE CCD TO MAINTAIN ITS VIGILANCE AND TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC INSTRUMENTS TO CONTROL DANGEROUS SCIENTIFIC POTENTIALITIES WHEN THESE BECOME APPARENT. THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONVENTION TO BAN RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS REPRESENT AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THIS APPROACH. THE PROPOSED DECLARATION AND THE REQUEST TO THE CCD COULD USEFULLY BE EMBODIED IN A RESOLUTION TO THE NEXT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. IT MIGHT PERHAPS BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CCD TO NEGOTIATE THE TEXT OF A SUITABLE DRAFT WHICH OUR MEMBERS MIGHT JOINTLY SPONSOR. END TEXT
NOTE: BRITISH HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR THIRD SENTENCE OF SECOND PARA: QUOTE: WE BELIEVE THAT A FRUITFUL APPROACH WOULD BE A FIRM DECLARATION BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. SUCH A DECLARATION COULD BE COUPLED WITH A REQUEST TO THE CCD TO MAINTAIN ITS VIGILANCE AND TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC INSTRUMENTS TO PRECLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH ARE BASED ON NEW APPLICATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPLES, WHEN THESE POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS HAVE BECOME APPARENT. END TEXT
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